



Wyandotte County Hosts a Community Reentry Dialogue

The conversation is a continuing one. The question is how best to begin a Wyandotte County reentry program similar to those in other parts of the state. Wyandotte County community leaders gathered together on July 31 to further that discussion. They met at the Jack Reardon Convention Center for a reentry community conversation facilitated by Don Wise of the *Leadership 2000* group.

Agenda items for

the dialogue included a reentry presentation by Secretary of Corrections Roger Werholtz followed by small group discussions which addressed the question, "In your opinion, what are the primary issues regarding an Offender Reentry Program in Wyandotte County?"

Once the small groups had answered the question, they reported their responses to a panel of experts. Repre-

sented on the panel were the Kansas Department of Corrections, KDOC parole, Wyandotte County Unified Government, Wyandotte County Community Corrections, and Wyandotte Mental Health Center & community provider network.

The panel discussion followed a question and answer format. At the end of the evening, participants remained afterwards to talk further about issues of interest.

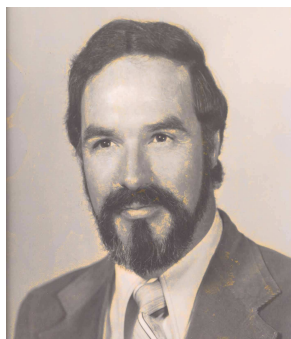
UPDATE: The KDOC selected Theresa Britt-Lewis as the Wyandotte County Reentry Director. Prior to her appointment as Reentry Director, Ms. Britt-Lewis was the Program Director for Associated Youth Services of Wyandotte County.

For further information on Kansas Department of Corrections Reentry and Risk Reduction, please visit our website at: <http://www.dc.state.ks.us/reentry>.

The Corrections Community Loses One of Its Own

Former Kansas Secretary of Corrections Patrick McManus died in a Minnesota hospital on June 29, 2007. He was appointed Secretary in 1979 and remained in that position until 1983. Prior to his appointment as Secretary, McManus had served as the Minnesota Assistant Commissioner of Corrections from 1974 to 1979.

In recent years, McManus had been named a special master and court monitor in



Patrick McManus
Kansas Secretary of Corrections
1979—1983

several cases, the most recent one being the rehabili-

tation of the Fulton County, Georgia jail. He was selected in 2006 to oversee a \$55 million renovation of the facility.

McManus had a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Saint Paul Seminary in St. Thomas, a graduate degree in theology from the Gregorian University of Rome, and a Master of Arts in Education Administration from the University of Rome.

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Secretary's Message

I have spent a lot of time in the past couple of months visiting Kansas communities. With 8 correctional facilities in 12 communities and dozens more parole offices statewide, there is a lot of ground to cover. But making a point to visit with people in the communities KDOC serves is as big a part of our job as managing and supervising offenders.

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I have traveled most recently with other KDOC

representatives for a variety of reasons; to hear the concerns of corrections employees about the nature of their work, to visit with treatment providers about their philosophy for serving our offenders, to accompany legislators on facility and community tours, to offer support at a ribbon-cutting for a county correctional residential center, to participate in a local conversation about issues surrounding the development of a new reentry program, and to honor the child of a staff member with a well-earned scholarship.



These visits have offered a resounding theme that I hope to carry with me into the New Year.

The communities I have traveled to and the people who I've met there are genuinely passionate about the welfare, not only of their corner of the world, but of our state. They want to know that they are raising their children the right way – to show honor and respect for others. They care about actively laying a foundation for their communities to thrive for the long-term. And they believe that

they have a role in contributing to a better Kansas.

How fortunate we are, then, as a department of corrections, that these same people support our mission as well. Not only do they support us, they have taken substantive measures to show their support. They benefit their communities by joining the conversation, by speaking out, and by helping to develop strategies to make productive things happen. They are the consumers of public safety and they are a fantastic resource. I am fortunate to have met them and we are fortunate as a state to have their guidance.

KDOC Professionals Offer Offender Life Skills Insight To National Partners

In July, KDOC Intervention Team Supervisor Kathie Harris and Linda Hull-Viera, Facility Services Administrator for the Topeka Correctional Facility, attended the Correctional Education Association International Conference in Atlanta, Georgia as presenters. The topic of their presentation, "Life Skills: The Next Generation" provided a historical overview of of-

fender life skills programming.



The presentation concluded with a description of the

innovative vocational life skills program being developed by the Kansas Department of Corrections. The Kansas Department of Corrections has partnered with the Greenbush Southeast Kansas Education Service Center in Girard, Kansas to facilitate the KDOC vocational programs. Greenbush has begun training inmates using the National Center for Construction Education

and Research certified curriculum in construction-related vocational training programs.

For more information about Greenbush, visit their website at: <http://www.greenbush.org/>.

For more information about NCCER, visit their website at: <http://www.nccer.org/index.asp>.



Jennie Marsh Appointed Victim Services Director



Jennie Marsh, Director of Victim Services

The Kansas Department of Corrections is pleased to

announce the appointment of Jennie Marsh as Kansas Department of Corrections Director of Victim Services. Jennie served as the KDOC Victim Services Coordinator from January, 2002 to the present.

Before that time, she worked for The Crisis Center, Inc., as a Case Advocate and then a Senior Case Advocate.

Mrs. Marsh received her Bachelors degree in Social

Work from Kansas State University and her Masters in Social Work Administration from the University of Kansas. She is licensed with the State of Kansas as a Master Level Social Worker.

Jennie is a Kansas Department of Corrections Leadership Development Academy graduate, a Volunteer Management Institute graduate, President of the Kansas Organization for Victim Assistance (KOVA), a past Sec-

retary of KOVA, a member of the Kansas Correctional Association and the American Correctional Association, a member of the National Association of Social Workers, 2005 Kansas Department of Corrections Central Office Employee of the Year nominee, and the 2002 recipient of the Kansas Parole Board Benjamin H. Day Award.

She follows Debi Holcomb as Kansas Department of Corrections Director of Victim Services.

Spiritual Life Center Nears Completion

A tribute to believing in a common cause, the El Dorado Correctional Facility Spiritual Life Center has reached many milestones since fundraising for its construction began in 2003. The center promises not only a place to worship for inmates housed at the facility, but a variety of program supports that will help make offender rehabilitation a reality.

Following its groundbreaking in October of 2005, the success in raising funds for the program has been steady. According to Central Kansas Prison Ministry Executive Director Lynn E. McBride, even inmates from other correctional fa-

cilities have donated to the cause.

On August 17th, the Kansas Department of Corrections acknowledged the progress of the Spiritual Life Center by hosting a media visit and tour of the building as it nears the final phase of construction. Secretary of Corrections Roger Werholtz as well as Warden Ray Rob-



Warden Ray Roberts tours members of the media through the Spiritual Life Center

erts were present with EDCF pastors Thomas Phelan and Chauncey Biby, Mr. McBride and Representative John Grange to welcome members of the media to the facility and to discuss its benefits to the community.

As Secretary Werholtz has stated, "We have to relate to offenders in a way that will

motivate them at a fundamental level to do what's right; whether it's through various types of treatment, cognitive methods, or their spirituality. Supported by research and best practices, we will continue to do what works. This type of programming is one of the things that works and that will contribute to making our communities safer."

The event was attended by various members of print and television news media.

For more information about the El Dorado Correctional Facility, please visit: <http://www.dc.state.ks.us/facilities/edcf>.



Joint Committee Visits Norton Correctional Facility (NCF)



Committee Vice-Chair Sen. Pete Brungardt (forefront) is among the legislators guided on the tour by Warden Jay Shelton (background).

On August 16, the Kansas legislative Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight (JCCJJO) visited Norton, Kansas to learn more about offender programming in the area. Norton is the home of the Norton Correctional Facility, one of 8 Kansas Department of Corrections facilities located in 12 communities statewide.

The committee is statutorily directed to monitor the adult inmate population and study the programs, activities, plans and operations of the Kansas Department of Corrections and the adult correctional institutions; monitor the establishment of the Juvenile Justice Authority and study its programs, activities, plans and operations and the juvenile correctional facilities; review and study

the adult correctional and juvenile offender local programs and related entities; and report annually to the Legislative Coordinating Council. Kansas State Representative Tim Owens is the chair of the committee, which is made up of 7 state senators and 7 state representatives.

The agenda began with a visit to Norton's Valley Hope substance abuse treatment program for a discussion on "How to do Substance Abuse Treatment Right."

Following the meeting at Valley Hope, the group traveled to Norton Correctional Facility for presentations on Kansas Department of Corrections substance abuse treatment programs delivered by KDOC Correc-

tions Manager II Pat Berry, President/CEO of Mirror, Inc., Bev Metcalf, and Darren Ryan, Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility's Chemical Dependency Recovery Program. Following the presentations, Norton Correctional Facility warden Jay Shelton gave the group a tour of the facility.

The next day, the group toured the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility and received an overview of juvenile correctional system programs.

For more information about the Kansas Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight, visit the Kansas legislature website at:

<http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-committees/index.do>



Sec. Werholtz provides narrative and answers questions from the legislative delegation.

Secretary Attends Johnson County Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

On August 17, Secretary of Corrections Roger Werholtz attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Johnson County Adult Residential Center. The center, which is a 200 bed, community-based facility, provides a highly structured living environment for offenders ordered to attend the program by the Johnson County District Court.

Johnson County Department

of Corrections Director Elizabeth Gillespie opened the ribbon-cutting ceremony by thanking the multitude of partners that had come together to make the residential center a reality.

Secretary Werholtz addressed the audience about the valuable role the residential center played in contributing to public safety. He was subsequently thanked by Johnson County

Board of Commissioners Chairwoman Annabeth Surbaugh for his appearance at the event and his contribution to the field of corrections.

For more information about the Johnson County Department of Corrections, visit their website at: http://courts.jocogov.org/cc_arc.htm



Secretary Roger Werholtz addresses audience at the opening of the Johnson County Adult Residential Center.



Facility & Field Facts

El Dorado Correctional Facility

The El Dorado Correctional Facility promoted its Spiritual Life Center project during the month of August with several events drawing attention to the center's ongoing construction. The events included an EDCF Wellness Committee hamburger feed. For a small donation, employees could dunk key members of the administrative staff in dunk tanks. Over \$750.00 was raised at the event. Additionally, the facility extended an open invitation to media representatives to visit the Spiritual Life Center as it nears completion. Along with Kansas Department of Corrections administrative staff, the media visitors interviewed an inmate participant of the program and toured the building. EDCF also hosted an evening tour and visit of the Spiritual Life Center for community participants of the local Prairie Port committee. The events offered positive exposure and support for the Spiritual Life Center as it nears completion.

Hutchinson Correctional Facility

The big news in September at Hutchinson Correctional Facility was, as is usual for September, the Kansas State Fair. This year's Fair show-

cased several projects completed by HCF staff and inmates. The Capper Building was restored to its original condition. An entirely new front façade and privacy fence were installed at the Beer Garden. The new Blue Stem Wine Garden received a wrought iron fence and much interior work such as patching sheet rock and painting. At the KDOC building, the sidewalk was replaced, the interior was repainted, and bulletin boards were hung by maintenance staff and inmate work crews. Numerous staff spent a very large number of man-hours over a period of several weeks placing new photographs on the bulletin boards with an enhanced focus on re-entry and risk reduction. Additionally, one of the cabins being built at HCF for installation at the State Parks was positioned next to the KDOC Building and drew a great many positive comments from Fairgoers. On Thursday, September 13, Governor Sebelius visited the KDOC Building and cabin and drew the name of that day's winner of a free weekend in one of the cabins. Throughout the ten days of the Kansas State Fair, crews of inmates cleaned up the grounds, both morning and evening, as they have done at the Fair every year.

Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility

The Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility proudly submitted a contribution in the amount of \$1,005 to Kansas Special Olympics. The funds were raised as a result of t-shirt and hat sales which promoted the 2007 Law Enforcement Torch Run held May 30, 2007. Nineteen runners, including LCMHF staff members and their relatives, determinedly made the twenty-plus-mile trek from Larned to Great Bend. LCMHF Warden Karen Rohling and other staff assisted by providing relief transportation and water for the participants. Upon their arrival in Great Bend, runners were treated to a much-appreciated lunch.

Norton Correctional Facility

Thanks to the joint efforts of the Norton Church of God and the Bicycles for Youngsters program of Norton Correctional Facility, 67 bicycles and tricycles were recently delivered to youth of the Greensburg community. The loading of the bicycles and tricycles by Kelly Karnopp and George Jones on August 24th was the end result of hard work and planning that occurred over the past three months. In late May, former NCF employee Paul Lueschen contacted the Bikes for Youngsters program at the correctional facility to let

them know the residents of Greensburg, Kansas were in need of "bike and trikes". After visiting with Pastor Worthington of the Church of God, Joe Annon, supervisor of the Bikes for Youngsters program arranged to have a shipment sent to Havaline where the bikes and trikes would be distributed from the Havaline High School Gym. Inmates working in the Bicycles for Youngsters program were very excited at the prospect of brightening the day for so many youngsters from Greensburg. Currently a second shipment is being prepared for delivery.

Winfield Correctional Facility

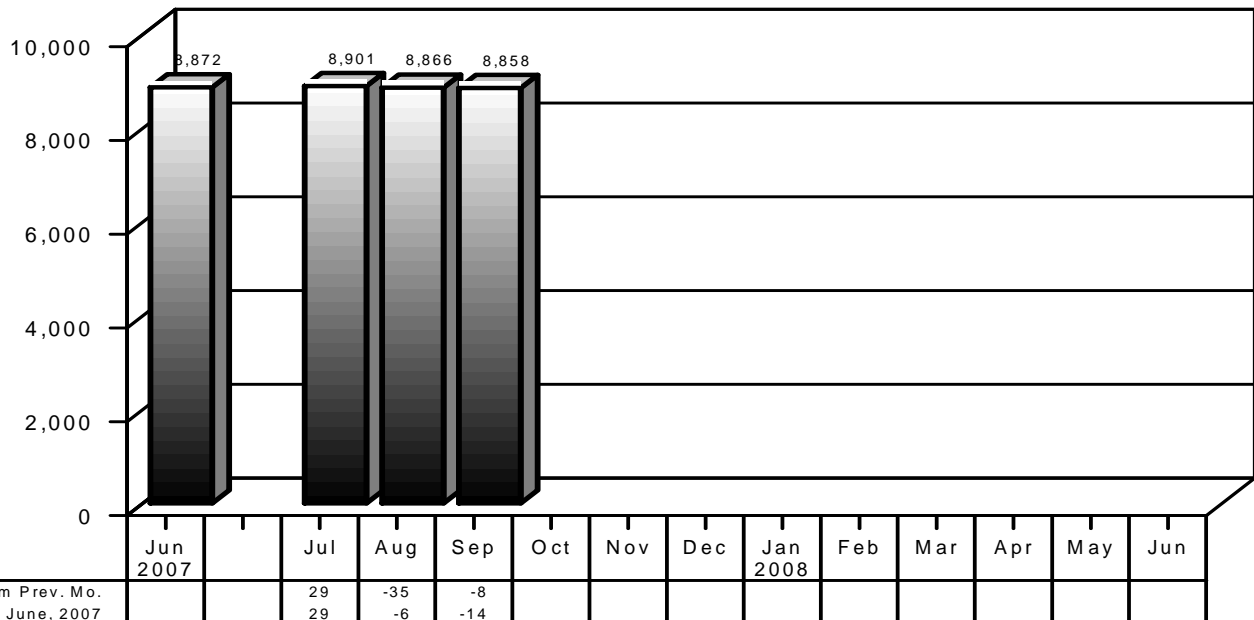
The Winfield Correctional Facility has recently implemented two new programs to assist inmates as they prepare for re-entry. The first program is called Kansas SKIP. This program focuses on preparing offenders with parenting skills, encouraging positive interaction with their children, and supporting the care-giver. The children of incarcerated parents and the caregiver are offered programmatic activities through community resources. Offenders receive weekly training that will lead to on-site weekly activities involving their children. The second vocational training program is an



Statistical Graphs

Kansas Department of Corrections
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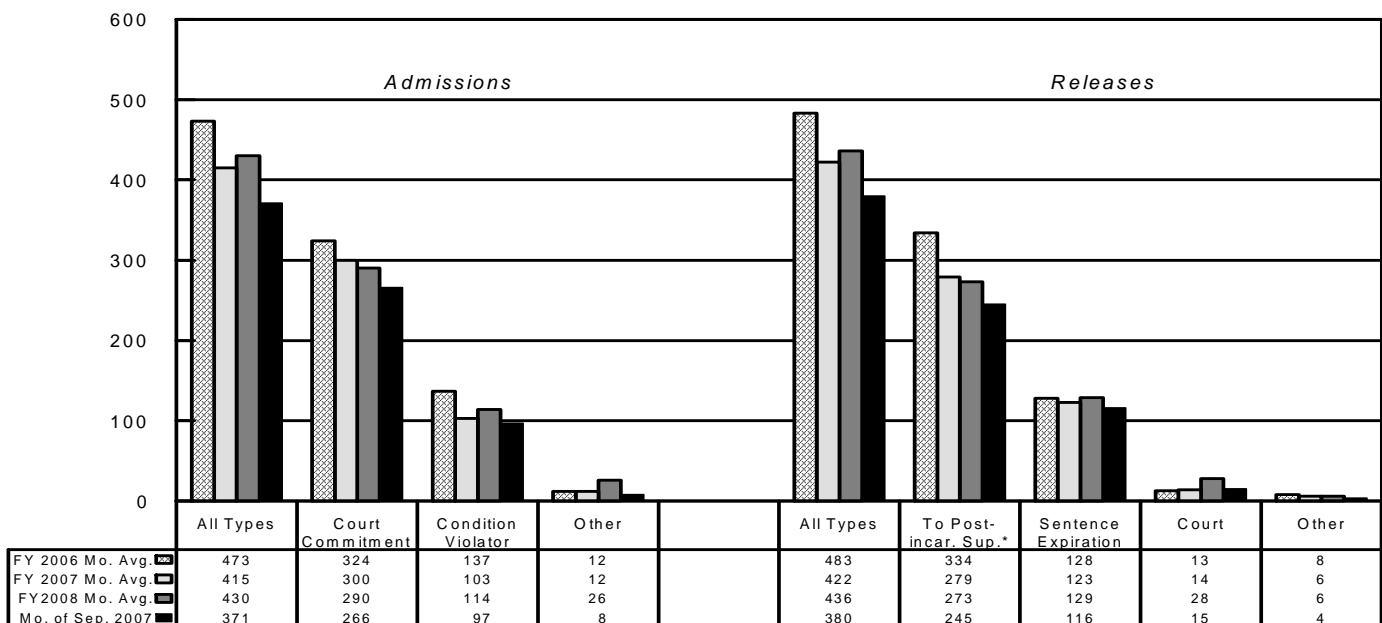
End-of-month Inmate Population: FY 2008 to Date*



*Figures reflect the total inmate population (combined DOC and Non-DOC facility populations)
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Number of Admission and Release Events Per Month (by Major Category): Comparison of FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008 to Date Monthly Averages with Current Month's Totals



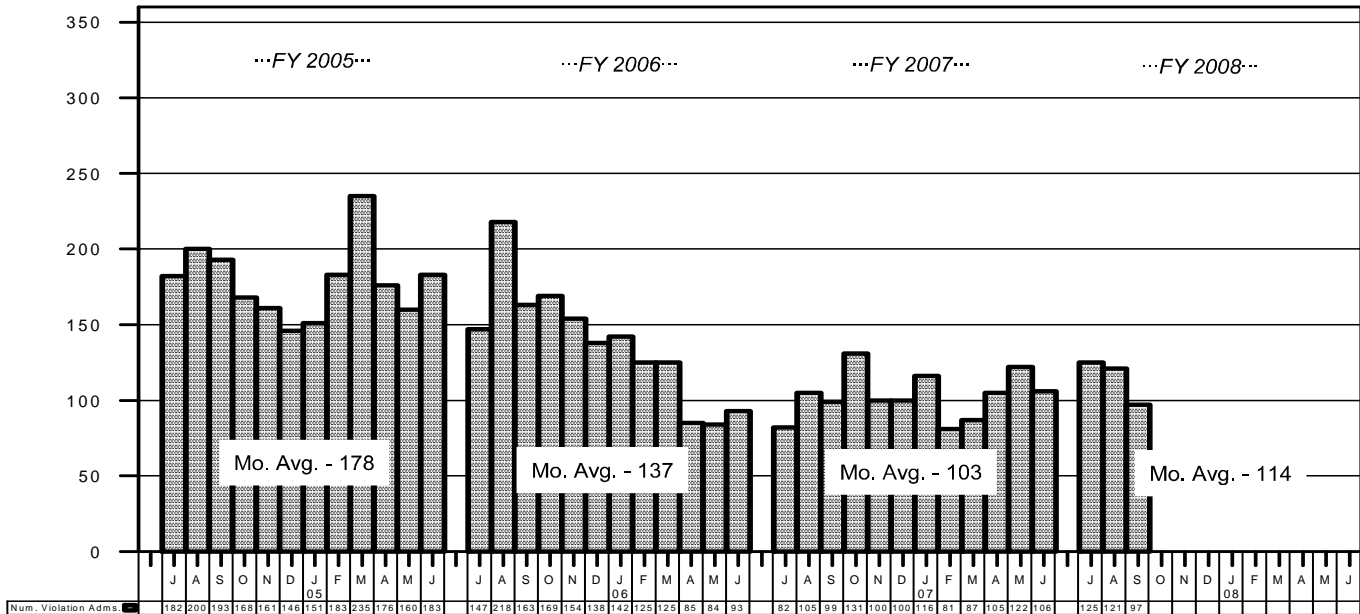
*Includes parole releases by action of the Kansas Parole Board as well as releases to supervision via the provisions of the Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Act of 1993.



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Number of Return Admissions for Condition Violations by Month: FY 2005 - FY 2008 to Date*

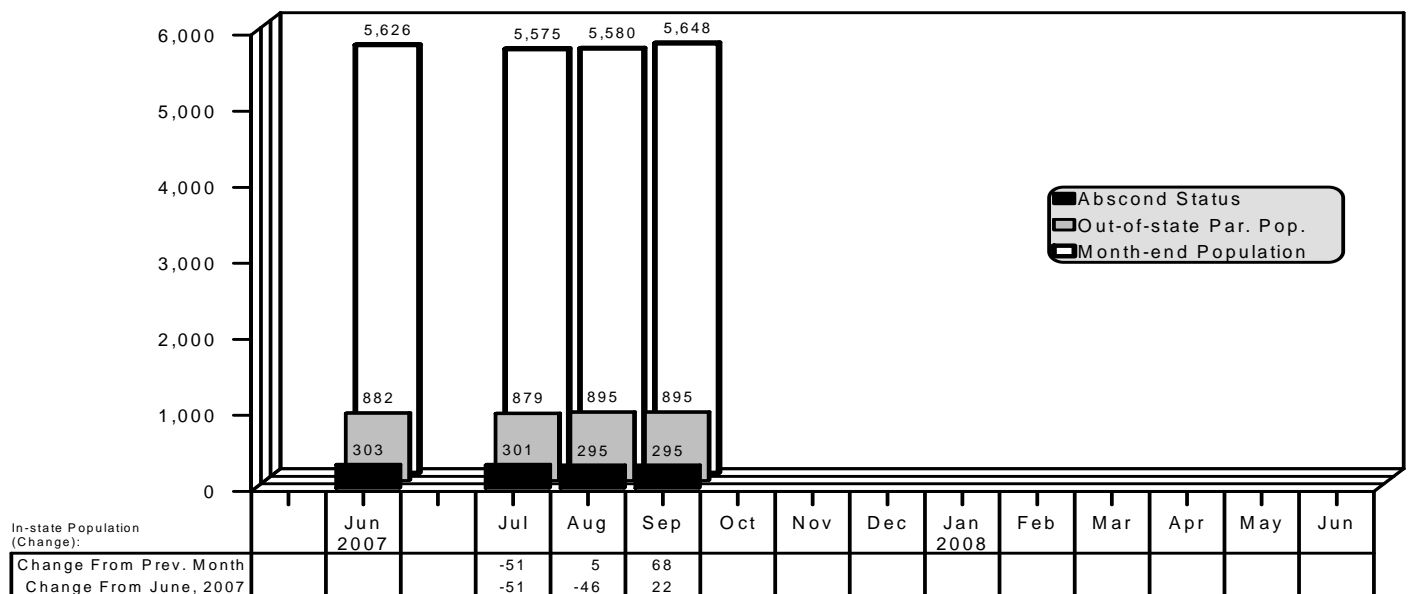


*Total number of admissions for violation of the conditions of release (no new sentence).

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Components of the End-of-month Population Under Post-incarceration Management: FY 2008 to Date*



*In-state population is comprised of Kansas offenders supervised in Kansas and out-of-state offenders supervised in Kansas. Out-of-state population is comprised of Kansas offenders supervised out-of-state. Those on abscond status have active warrants (whereabouts unknown).

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The mission of the Kansas Department of Corrections is to contribute to public safety and support victims of crime by exercising safe and effective containment and supervision of inmates, by managing offenders in the community, and by actively encouraging and assisting offenders to become law-abiding citizens.

The Department is responsible for the management and supervision of adult felony offenders sentenced to the Secretary of Corrections by the District Courts of Kansas.

The beginning of the Kansas Department of Corrections can be traced back almost one hundred and forty years to the construction of what was then known as the Kansas State Penitentiary during the presidency of Abraham Lincoln. The Department of Corrections currently operates eight correctional facilities and satellite units located in 12 communities and Parole Offices located in 17 communities.

Facility & Field Facts (cont'd from p. 5)

Aerostructures Technician program that will train offenders on-site and prepare them for aircraft sheet metal manufacturing jobs in the South Central Kansas region. This program was

developed through a cooperative effort between the KDOC, Kansas Department of Commerce, Greenbush, Cowley County Community College, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas/Arbor E&T. The program is funded through the Workforce Investment Act. It is a 14 week program that includes classroom and lab instruction on Manufacturing Skills, Life Skills,

and Aircraft Sheet Metal. Offenders completing this program will receive an AeroStructures Technician Certificate and a Kansas WorkReady Certificate which will prepare them for employment in the aircraft sheet metal industry. In addition, Arbor will provide job placement and case management services.



Victim Services Voice

Over the last few months, there have been many changes at the Office of Victim Services, with more changes still to come. Victim Services now has a total of 8 Liaisons in parole offices and facilities around the state. The Parole Liaisons are located at Topeka, Kansas City, and Wichita. Three new Liaisons will be starting in October 2007

at El Dorado, Ellsworth, and Topeka Correctional Facilities. These positions will screen visiting applications and release plans for safety issues, handle any victim safety concerns, provide training, and implement Victim Impact classes at the facilities. Janet Good, formerly a Victim Notification Coordinator, was promoted to the Topeka position. She

will cover all victim issues for TCF and LCF. The El Dorado Liaison, not yet announced, will be responsible for victim issues at EDCF, HCF, WCF, and WWRF. The Ellsworth Liaison, also not yet announced, will be responsible for victim issues at ECF, NCF, and LCMHF. Also new to Victim Services is our upcoming newsletter,

with the goal of continuously improving communication with victims, KDOC staff, and community victim services organizations. The newsletter will feature updates, stories, and statistics about the Office of Victim Services. Please contact Victim Services Director Jennie Marsh at 785-296-7429 with any ideas for the newsletter.